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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN INITIATIVES IN THE ASEAN CONTEXT

1. INDONESIAN MINISTER PARUMAPUTRA CALLED ON THE DCM DECEMBER 19. WHILE HIS PRINCIPAL QUERIES WERE ABOUT INDOCHINA, PARUMAPUTRA MENTIONED THAT FOUR THAI OFFICIALS, TWO MILITARY AND TWO CIVILIAN, WERE CURRENTLY GOING THROUGH A TWO-MONTH COUNTER-INSURGENCY COURSE IN JAKARTA. PARUMAPUTRA SAID THAT HE HAD RECENTLY EXPRESSED TO GENERAL SAIYUT KOETPHON HIS DISTRESS THAT THERE WERE AREAS IN NORTHEAST THAILAND THAT THE RTG COULD NOT ENTER BECAUSE OF INSURGENCY. HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THAILAND TOLERATED THIS DEROGATION OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY. HE WAS HOPING TO SUGGEST TO HIS GOVERNMENT THAT IT PERMIT THAI TO ATTEND ALREADY ESTABLISHED COURSES IN JAKARTA ON VILLAGE-LEVEL DEFENSE.

2. PARUMAPUTRA ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE COMMUNIST TERRORIST ORGANIZATION ALONG THE THAI-MALAYSIAN BORDER. HE WAS CONCERNED THAT THE THAI WERE NOT TAKING STEPS TO ELIMINATE THIS MENACE. HE WONDERED WHAT THE U.S. WAS DOING ABOUT CONFIDENTIAL

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IT. THE DCM REPLIED THAT THE THAI WERE MORE CONCERNED

ABOUT THE INSURGENTS IN THE NORTH THAN WITH THE PROBLEM ALONG THE MALAYSIAN BORDER. HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE THAI WOULD ASCRIBE A HIGH PRIORITY IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO THIS PROBLEM. WHILE THE U.S. HAD DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH THE THAI FROM TIME TO TIME, AN APPROACH BY AN ASEAN COUNTRY, SUCH AS INDONESIA, SHOULD HAVE MUCH MORE IMPACT IN TRYING TO INFLUENCE BOTH SIDES TO COME TO A BETTER WORKING RELATIONSHIP.

3. COMMENT: PARUMAPUTRA SEEMED TO BE GATHERING INFORMATION FOR HIS ANNUAL REPORT. AN ADMITTED OBJECTIVE WAS PREPARATION FOR THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF INDONESIAN AMBASSADORS TO SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES WHICH MAY COME OFF IN FEBRUARY. WHATEVER THE MOTIVE, PARUMAPUTRA SEEKS TO BE SEARCHING FOR INITIATIVES THAT INDONESIA CAN TAKE IN THE ASEAN CONTEXT TO IMPROVE REGIONAL COOPERATION. WE ENCOURAGED HIM IN THIS.

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